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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

¶11. At 6:30 PM [local time] on Monday, 3 November 2008, two pro-Islamic groups converged on the U.S. Embassy and held a non-violent demonstration near the main entrance.

¶12. A group of about 60 - 70 individuals from the Argentine Arab Federation and the At-Tauhid mosque protested against the U.S. military action on the Syrian-Iraq border and U.S. policy in the Middle East.

¶13. Federal police and a host nation anti-riot unit were deployed to the embassy in accordance with the RSO contingency plan. Additionally, RSO notified all embassy personnel of the event in advance and disseminated precautionary measures via the Open Net and selectone systems.

¶14. The demonstration concluded at 8:00 PM. There were no injuries or damage to U.S. government property

¶15. Point of contact is RSO Scott Campbell or ARSO Jesse Thomas.

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